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•	MILITARY SITUATION	
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•	2. The Syrians launched unsuccessful air attagainst Israeli positions in the heights this after noon, losing 19 aircraft. Egyptian air activity remained light. Israeli air attacks continue to be heaviest in the Golan Heights, but a large number of sortics also were directed against the Egyptian for	- S
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on the west bank. Tel Aviv confirmed that Damascus International airport was attacked about noon, Tel Aviv time.

SYRIAN FRONT

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- 4. A neutral observer reported at noon that the most significant change since early morning on the Golan Heights was that the Israelis appeared to have entered Qunaytirah and were clearing it. Prime Minister Meir, in a televised broadcast, late today, declared that all of the Golan Heights are completely in Israeli hands and that Syrian troops are in flight.
- 5. The level of fighting in Syria was high both in the air and on the ground. The Syrians claim to have shot down at least 25 Israeli aircraft over the Golan Heights, Latakia, Tartous, and Damascus. At the same time Tol Aviv says 19 Syrian aircraft have been downed. Israeli planes flew about 320 sorties on 10 October, mainly over the Golan Heights.

EGYPTIAN FRONT

6. Fighting continues along the canal, but with little evidence of significant progress by either side. Tel Aviv claims that the Egyptian forces are being held in check all along the canal and that Egyptian penetrations into Sinaí are of a depth of only ten kilometers.

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Both sides indicate that the Egyptians are successfully maintaining some bridges scross the canal, despite intensive Israeli air attacks, but the size of the Egyptian reinforcements effort is not known.

7. According to Tel Aviv, an Egyptian armored unit attempted to break out of the bridgehead today, but was forced back. The attacking force struck south from the city of Suez along the Sinai coast.

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The Egyptians probably are keeping their aircraft in hardened shelters to protect them from Israeli strikes. Cairo's objective may be to hold its air force in reserve until Israel's air arm is weakened by SAM and antiaircraft fire.

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ESTIMATED LOSSES

•	<u>Israel</u>	Arabs	
Aircraft	105-110	160-165	
Tanks	550*	800	
Ships (primarily patrol craft)	42 4 4	9-10	
Personnel	1,200	10,000-14,000	

*Israeli report -- includes tanks out of service that cannot be repaired within a week.

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NOTE: Teraeli aircraft losses are fairly firm and are based on Israeli admissions. The Arab aircraft losses are based on reported shoot-downs and possible losses as a result of Israeli air strikes on Egyptian and Syrian airfields, as derived from both Israeli claims and Egyptian admissions. The Syrians have made no statements about the number of aircraft lost during the war. It is not possible to ascertain the types of aircraft lost.

The tank figures are estimates based on field 25X1 reporting. Personnel losses are extremely rough estimates of men killed and captured. While these estimates of losses have not been confirmed, they are consistent with the forces committed to battle and the intensity of fighting on the various fronts.

SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY

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12. The cruiser and one of the two destroyers that entered the Mediterranean from the Black Sea this morning are scheduled to visit the Italian ports of Taranto (15-18 October) and Messina (19-22 October). There is no indication as yet that the visits have been called off.

LIBYA

14. According to press reports, Libya has 25X1 calimed "full sovereignty" over the Gulf of Sirte as a result of the current hostilities. Tripoli warned that no ship would be permitted to enter the large body of water along the central coastline without special permission. Tripoli is no doubt reacting

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to reports of the movements of the US Sixth Fleet and to recent articles in the US press suggesting an American take-over of Libyan oilfields. Most of Libya's important oil terminals are located at the port of Sirts.

OIL

- The Arab-Israeli war has not yet resulted in politically-motivated oil cutbacks, but it is already affecting exports from the area. The closure of the oil terminal at Baniyas, Syria and a 50-percent reduction in the Arabian-American Oil Company's Tapline have reduced the flow of oil to Western Europe by about 800,000 barrels per day, equivalent to about five percent of supplies. Additionally, the 350,000 barrels per day from the Trans-Israeli pipeline exported to Western Europe probably will not be available because of Israel's desire to maintain a high level of oil stocks and the reluctance of tankers to enter the area. Alternative supplies from the Persian Gulf states are available, but the current tanker shortage will delay liftings. Italy and other Mediterranean states will be hardest hit by the disruptions.
- are not pressing the producing countries to use thier oil as a weapon. Kuwait's call yesterday for an emergency meeting of Arab oil ministers was probably a pre-emptive move designed to keep control of the situation in the hands of Arab moderates. So far, the Iraqi nationalization of Exxon and Mobil has been the only discriminatory move against the US; however, Eaghdad has not been pushing its call for a ban on oil exports to the US issued earlier this week.
- 17. If hostilities are prolonged, shutdowns or severe limitations on the Mediterranean pipelines would be felt in the US--perhaps in a matter of several weeks. Should the Arab combatants begin to suffer sharp defeats, pressure on Arab oil producers to use their petroleum muscle in the battle will be intense.

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UNITED NATIONS

18. Although the Security Council members have not yet set a time for their next meeting, it seems likely that the non-aligned states may offer a cease-fire resolution within the next few days. They were eparted preparing a draft yesterday and are apparently trying to time its presentation so as to be most favorable to Arab positions.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL

19. Reacting to western press reports that offices to process volunteers to help Israel have been established by pro-Israeli organizations in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Great Britain, the Libyan acting foreign minister called in the representatives of these countries in Tripoli and warned them that Libya would consider such activity a hostile act by their countries against the Arab states. An Iranian Government spokesman, reacting to a news service report that volunteers from Australia might go to Israel via Tehran, warned that his country would not be a way station for such people and that Iran would not issue them entry visas.

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ANNEX

Third Country Participation in the Current Middle East Hostilities

As the fighting rages between Israel and Syria and Egypt, various other Arab states have become involved either actively or through pledges of financial and military assistance. A summary of the assistance provided or promised by these states, as well as that by non-Arab states follows.

Arab Assistance

Libya

To date, new Libyan assistance has been limited to pledges to "bankroll" the war. Last spring, Libya sent at least 20 Mirage fighter aircraft to Egypt, which apparently are being flown by Egyptian pilots. Libya has more than 60 additional Mirages in its inventory-although there are not enough Libyan pilots trained to fly them. There are tenuous indications, however, that some of these aircraft may be made available to the Edyptians.

Morocco

At the beginning of the fighting, Morocco had between 2,000 and 3,000 troops, about 60 medium tanks, and some APCs and support equipment stationed in Syria near the Golan Eeights. These troops reportedly have already engaged in combat. Morocco has announced that it will send another 2,500 or so troops to the fighting--possibly to the Egyptian front.

Iraq

Since last spring, a squadron of Iraqi Hawker Hunter aircraft -- some 16 aircraft -- and about 160 Iragi pilots and technicians have been stationed in Egypt. aircraft have already engaged in aerial compat with the Israelis. Baghdad also has indicated that it will provide 32 SU-7 fighter bombers and 16 MIG-21s to the battle on the Syrian front.

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